Authorization to Release Section 37 Funding for Moving and Capital Equipment Costs for the New Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) Parkway Forest Child Care Centre - by Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Janet Davis

* Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.

Recommendations
Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Janet Davis, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the transfer of $371,506 in Section 37 funds from the Planning Act Reserve Fund to the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund XR1103, fully funded by Section 37 benefits obtained from the development at 20, 100, 110 and 125 Parkway Forest Drive, 120 and 130 George Henry Boulevard, 32-50, 65 and 80 Forest Manor Road, as follows:

   a. $12,594 (XR3026-3700569), for the purpose of contributing to the moving costs of the existing YMCA child care facility located at 102 Parkway Forest Drive to the new YMCA Parkway Forest Child Care Centre located at 55 Forest Manor Road;

   b. $170,000 (XR3026-3700567), for the purpose of providing capital equipment to operate the new YMCA Parkway Forest Child Care Centre; and

   c. $188,911 (XR3026-3700568), for the purpose of providing funding for the future replacement of capital equipment for the new YMCA Parkway Forest Child Care Centre.

2. City Council increase the 2014 Approved Operating Budget for Children's Services by $182,594 gross, $0 net, fully funded by the Section 37 funds referenced in Recommendations 1.a. and 1.b. above, for the purpose of funding the moving costs and the purchase of capital equipment for the new YMCA Parkway Forest Child Care Centre.

3. City Council direct that prior to the transfer of funds to the YMCA Parkway Forest Child Care Centre, the YMCA Centre enter into an agreement with the City that details the specifications and operation of the child care facility, and outlines the utilization of
the funds transferred from the City to the YMCA Parkway Forest Child Care Centre of the Section 37 funds, with terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Children's Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

4. City Council direct that the undistributed portion of the Section 37 funds in the amount of $188,912 remain in XR1103 until such time that the YMCA Centre notifies Children's Services of the need to replace the equipment located in the facility.

5. City Council authorize the General Manager, Children's Services to execute the agreement with YMCA Parkway Forest Child Care Centre on behalf of the City.

**Summary**

Authority is being sought to transfer $371,506 in Section 37 funds from the Planning Act Reserve Fund to the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund XR1103, fully funded by Section 37 funding from the developments at Parkway Forest Drive, George Henry Boulevard and Forest Manor Road. As well, authority is sought to increase the Children's Services 2014 Approved Operating Budget by $182,594 gross $0 net to support the move of the old facility and purchase of equipment for the new YMCA Parkway Forest child care centre, as well as to hold the undistributed amount of $188,912 in XR1103 to fund the future need to replace equipment located at the new Parkway Forest Child Care Centre.

Section 37 funds were secured, and have been received, in the Parkway Forest development for the purpose of funding the purchase of equipment, and the future replacement of equipment for the operation of the new Parkway Forest child care centre, as well as funding the moving costs from the existing site to the new location. The amounts secured were $170,000, $150,000 and $10,000, respectively, plus indexing for the latter two amounts.

The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) is the non-profit operator of the existing child care facility at 102 Parkway Forest Drive, which will be moving to the new location at 55 Forest Manor Road. Prior to the transfer of funds, the YMCA will sign an agreement with the City detailing the specifications and operation of the new facility, and agreeing to utilize the funds in the manner outlined in the recommendations. Children's Services will act as the administrator of the funds.

The new YMCA Parkway Forest Child Care Centre will have 82 spaces for children aged infant to pre-school. There is a need for child care spaces, particularly in the infant and toddler age groups in this area of the City.

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**Background Information (City Council)**

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